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1. AS IS USUN, EMBASSY IS INTRIGUED BY THE POSSIBILITIES WHICH
WOULD BE OPENED BY ADOPTION OF AN "ALL STATES" FORMULA FOR THE
UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION. SINCE BOTH WE AND THE ROKG ARE IN
FAVOR OF A TWO-KOREA SOLUTION, FOR THE MEDIUM TERM IN ANY EVENT,
THIS WOULD PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL AREA TO SUPPORT THAT POSITION.
AS WE ARE ALL AWARE, BOTH KOREAS ARE MEMBERS OF MANY UN SUB-
BODIES AND WE BELIEVE THE UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION COULD BE
CONSIDERED TO BE ONE MORE ADDITION.

2. THE EMBASSY FULLY AGREES THAT GIVEN THE LEVEL OF ARMAMENT
AND STANDING FORCES MAINTAINED BY BOTH KOREAS THEY ARE INDEED
PRIME CANDIDATES FOR INCLUSION IN ANY GLOBAL DISCUSSIONS
OF ARMS REDUCTION. WE DO NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE QUESTION
OF REDUCING TENSION ON THE PENINSULA SHOULD BE USED EITHER
AS ARGUMENTATION FOR THE INCLUSION OF BOTH KOREAS IN THE
UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION OR AS A TOPIC ON THE COMMIS-
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SION'S AGENDA, AT LEAST AT THE MOMENT. WE NEED A LOT
MORE PREPARATORY WORK
IN CONJUNCTION WITH ROKG BEFORE
THE DISARMAMENT ISSUE CAN BE DISCUSSED IN FORA SUCH AS
SSOD. THEREFORE, IN OUR VIEW WE SHOULD SUPPORT ROK AND
NORTH KOREAN MEMBERSHIP IN COMMISSION AND WE SHOULD USE THAT
BODY TO ENGAGE THE TWO KOREAS IN A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF

GLOBAL DISARMAMENT AS A BACKGROUND TO PRIVATE BILATERAL
CONVERSATIONS ON THE PENINSULA ISSUE.
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